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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1271

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SO, SY

SUBJ: SOMALI GOVT STATEMENT ON ISRAELI THREAT TO SYRIA

REF: FBIS LONDON 141816Z AUG 74

1. SOMALI FONMIN STATEMENT ON ISRAELI THREAT TO SYRIA (REFTEL)  
WAS PUBLISHED AS LEAD ARTICLE IN SONNA DAILY BULLETIN AUGUST 15.

2. SONNA VERSION OF FONMIN STATEMENT SAID THAT QTE ACCORDING  
RELIABLE SOURCE UNQTE ISRAEL PREPARING INVADE SYRIA, THAT ACTION  
WOULD SABOTAGE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, AND THE GSDR WILL BRING

MATTER TO ATTENTION OF UN AND ASK FOR ITS INTERVENTION BEFORE  
IT IS TOO LATE. ALSO CALLED ON ALL ARAB GOVTS TO PREPARE THEM-  
SELVES.

3. SYRIAN AMBASSADOR NAKKAR VOLUNTEERED TO ME AUGUST 15 THAT  
HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMALI FONMINISTRY STATEMENT. HE EX-  
PLAINED THAT HE'D RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM HIS FONMINISTRY  
IN DAMASCUS AUGUST 14 CALLING ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI  
MOBILIZATION AND REQUESTING THAT HE BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION  
OF SOMALI GOVT. HE MET WITH PRES SIAD AND FONMIN ARTEH SAME  
DAY--DESPITE THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH PDRY PRESIDENT VISIT--  
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AND GSDR RELEASED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT THAT EVENING.

4. WE SUSPECT ANY COMMUNICATION AMB NAKKAR RECEIVED MAY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED OTHER ARAB CAPITALS AS WELL. HOWEVER, NAKKAR ENJOYS ADVANTAGES HERE SYRIAN AMBASSADORS ELSEWHERE MAY NOT--AN EXTREMELY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GSDR FOREIGN MINISTER ARTEH AND EAR OF PRES SIAD. MOREOVER, SONNA HAS DONE AMB NAKKAR'S BIDDING IN PAST AS WELL: WHEN SABAH KABANI APPOINTED SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO US ON JULY 7, NAKKAR ARRANGED FOR FULL SONNA COVERAGE OF ANNOUNCEMENT, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE BIO DETAILS REGARDING KABANI WHICH WERE OF ONLY MINOR INTEREST TO LOCAL READERSHIP. NAKKAR HAD BEEN EUPHORIC SINCE RESUMPTION US/SYRIAN RELATIONS AND IS QUICK TO REACT TO ANY SUGGESTION THAT EVENTS NOT MOVING WELL IN MIDDLE EAST.

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